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1. Greece

The country's new rulers clearly expect to be around for some time.

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Official pronouncements reflect a strongly "reformist" mission and a distaste for professional politicians.

King Constantine now seems intent on exerting whatever influence he can toward moderation.

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2. North Vietnam

Silting is beginning to make it difficult for large ships to get into Haiphong harbor. At least four ships have been held up for many days during the past six weeks while waiting for the needed extra high tide. The problem will become worse with the coming monsoon season unless dredging begins soon.

3. Nigeria

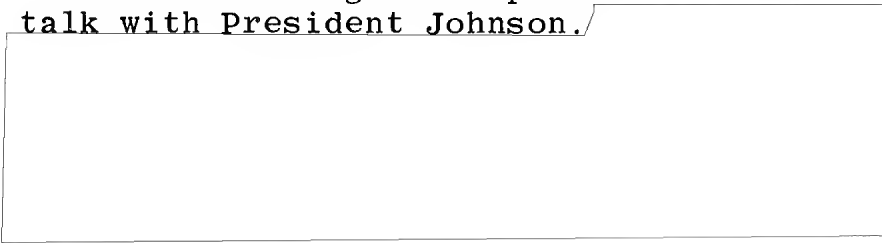
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4. Panama

President Robles returned from Punta del Este brimming with optimism over his talk with President Johnson.



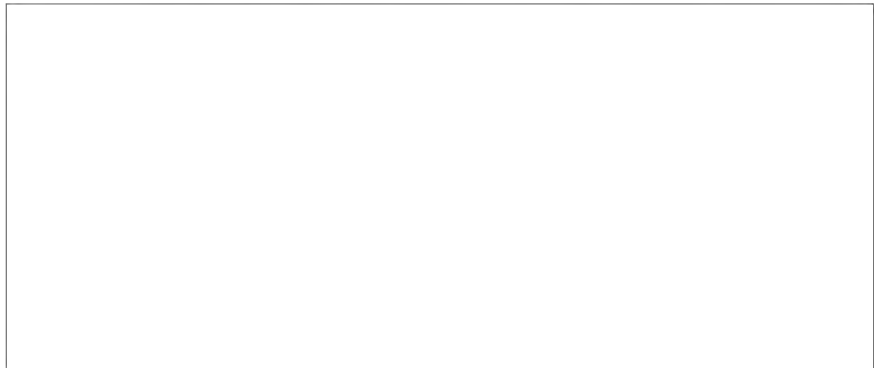
5. Dominican Republic

The United States Intelligence Board has just approved a new Estimate on the Dominican Republic. The principal conclusions are:

- President Balaguer will probably be able to retain power for at least the next year or so.
- The military leaders still regard themselves as the final political arbiters, but will probably hold together behind the President.
- Leftist extremists are squabbling among themselves and are likely to remain in disarray for some time. They are capable of sporadic urban terrorism, but not much more.
- Political and economic pressures could push Balaguer toward more authoritarian methods.
- The economy will improve only spottily.
- Any economic progress will remain dependent on continuing substantial US aid.

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6. Japan



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